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USDA/FAS FOR STEPHENS, OGSM/CEP; DOUGLAS FMD/G&F

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR, RO

SUBJ: ROMANIAN RICE PURCHASE

REF : (A) BELGRADE 5380; (B) STATE 141564

1. TO CONFIRM THAT NO CHANGE HAD OCCURRED IN GOR RICE REQUIREMENTS SINCE SVEC'S JULY 13 DISCUSSION, E/C COUNSELOR CALLED ON PREDA OF MERCUR ON AUGUST 19. PREDA CONFIRMED THAT ROMANIA HAD COMPLETED ITS RICE PURCHASES FOR 1976. REQUIREMENTS FOR 1977 WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN CONFORMITY WITH NEXT YEAR'S FOREIGN TRADE PLAN. GIVEN "GOOD CROP OF ABOUT 50,000 M.T." AND CONSUMPTION OF "ABOUT 100,000 M.T.." PREDA PLACED IMPORT REQUIREMENTS IN 50,000 M.T. RANGE.

2. REGARDING SOURCING OF NEXT YEAR'S IMPORTS, MERCUR IMPORT DIRECTOR DENIED ANY INTENTION TO PURCHASE THAK RICE. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY WHETHER THIS REPORT COULD HAVE BEEN STIMULATED BY EARLIER DISCUSSIONS OF POSSIBLE CEAUSESCU VISIT TO THAILAND, PREDA CLAIMED (WE THINK GENUINELY) NO KNOWLEDGE OF CEAUSESCU VISIT.

3. PREDA SUGGESTED THAT FUTURE ROMANIAN NEEDS LIKELY TO BE FILLED BY PRC UNDER TERMS OF BILATERAL SINCE RICE WAS ONE OF  
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FEW AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS THAT CHINESE COULD OFFER. WHILE SEEMING

TO IMPLY THAT CHINESE EARTHQUAKES MIGHT CONCEIVABLY REDUCE NEAR-TERM CHINESE AVAILABILITIES, PREDA STATED THAT SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINESE LIKELY TO CONTINUE. HE INTIMATED THAT, IF WE HOPED TO BUILD MARKET FOR U.S. RICE HERE, WE SHOULD FOCUS OUR ATTENTION ON MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE, MAKING APPROACH NEAR END OF YEAR.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IN PASSING PREDA INQUIRED ABOUT SHIPPING TIME FOR RICE FROM GULF TO CONSTANTA. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE WE COULD PASS TO MERCUR.  
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